



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1023

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE
FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL RESPONDING TO
EMERGENCIES OUTSIDE OF REGULAR EMPLOYMENT HOURS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 31-275 of
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

4 (A) (i) For a police officer or firefighter, "in the course of his
5 employment" encompasses such individual's departure from such
6 individual's place of abode to duty, such individual's duty, and the
7 return to such individual's place of abode after duty;

8 (ii) For a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician
9 employed by the state or any of its political subdivisions, "in the course
10 of his employment" encompasses an accidental death, disability or
11 injury that occurs while such individual is responding to an
12 emergency outside of the individual's regular hours of employment,
13 provided the response to such emergency is within the scope of such
14 individual's regular duties;

15 [(ii)] (iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (i) of this
16 subparagraph, the dependents of any deceased employee of the
17 Department of Correction who was injured in the course of his

18 employment, as defined in this subparagraph, on or after July 1, 2000,
19 and who died not later than July 15, 2000, shall be paid compensation
20 on account of the death, in accordance with the provisions of section
21 31-306, retroactively to the date of the employee's death. The cost of the
22 payment shall be paid by the employer or its insurance carrier which
23 shall be reimbursed for such cost from the Second Injury Fund as
24 provided in section 31-354 upon presentation of any vouchers and
25 information that the Treasurer may require.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	31-275(1)(A)
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